CHAPTER 13
SECTION 21.1

PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD) AND BASIC PROGRAM CONCURRENT USE

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I. POLICY

A. Cost-sharing of a service or item is excluded from the Basic Program when the service or item was, or is being provided under the Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped).

B. A service or item denied from Basic Program cost-sharing shall be considered for cost-sharing under the PFPWD by the contractor without a request for the claim to be considered under the PFPWD. A retrospective authorization is required in such cases.

C. A PFPWD authorization is valid beginning with the date issued by the contractor and continuing for a period not to exceed six months. A retrospective PFPWD authorization is valid from the first date of services to the completion of services, not to exceed six months.

D. A PFPWD beneficiary may withdraw from PFPWD active status by a written request to the appropriate contractor requesting that an outstanding PFPWD authorization be canceled. Such cancellation shall be effective on the first day of month following receipt of the request by the contractor.

II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Enrollment in the PFPWD is not required in order to receive services under the PFPWD.

B. The adjudication of each separate PFPWD benefit request includes determination of both eligibility and allowable benefits. Limitations on the use of Basic Program benefits pertains only to the period during which there is a PFPWD authorization.

C. In the absence of a PFPWD authorization, the PFPWD eligible beneficiary retains full access to the Basic Program, subject to all applicable program requirements, including those that are applicable under the managed care contracts.

D. The PFPWD beneficiary shall be advised in writing of a Basic Program claim denial because the service or item was authorized under the PFPWD and that the denied claim is being considered for (or approved as) a PFPWD benefit.

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